GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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DESERTIFICATION IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has introduced/proposes to introduce any mechanism to check desertification in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) and (b) Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme, which aims at regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining lands. The scheme, thus, helps in checking desertification. The scheme is being implemented through a two-tier decentralized mechanism of Forest Development Committees (JFMCs) at village level. As on 31.03.2006, 715 FDA projects have been operationalized in the country to treat a total project area of 9.24 lakh hectares through 23,750 JFMCs. IN Andhra Pradesh 32 FDA projects to treat an area of 47,400 hectares through 1455 JFMCs have been approved, as on 31.3.2006.